IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.BALAKRISHNAN NAIR

TUESDAY, THE 10TH JULY 2007 / 19TH ASHADHA 1929

WP(C).No. 17047 of 2007(D)

PETITIONER:

BIJI P.K., W/O. OUSEPH,
AGED 34, RESIDING AT KUDILIPPURATHU HOUSE,
VADATTUPARA P.O., KOTHAMANGALAM TALUK.

BY ADV. SRI.A.CHERIAN

RESPONDENTS:

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1. **GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,**
   REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
   PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS (RULES)
   DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. **THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,**
   REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, TRIVANDRUM.

3. **THE DISTRICT OFFICER,**
   PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ERNAKULAM.

BY ADV. SRI.P.C.SASIDHARAN, SC, KPSC
BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. BIJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 10/07/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.BALAKRISHNAN NAIR, J.

W.P.(C) No.17047 of 2007 D

Dated this the 10th day of July, 2007.

JUDGMENT

The petitioner is an applicant for the post of Lower Division Typist in Various Departments in Ernakulam District. The prescribed qualification includes '**Computer Word Processing**' also. The last date for receipt of applications was 15.12.2006. The petitioner obtained the qualification of K.G.T.E. Word Processing only on 22.12.2006. A copy of the certificate is produced as Ext.P5. But, she submits, she is having Exts.P3 and P4 certificates in DTP and Data Entry. She further submits that the course covered by Ext.P4 certificate is having six months' duration and '**D BASE and word**' is one of the subjects for the said course, which includes '**Word Processing**'. She further submits, going by Ext.P6 communication issued by the Public Service Commission on 15.12.2006, Ext.P4 should be treated as sufficient qualification for the post. Therefore, praying for a writ of mandamus to the Public Service Commission to treat her also as a qualified

candidate for selection to the above post, this writ petition is filed. Other reliefs are also sought for.

2. The Public Service Commission has filed a counter affidavit in which, it is submitted that the course in DTP and Data Entry covered by Exts.P3 and P4 cannot be treated as equivalent to the qualification notified as 'Computer Word Processing'. The course conducted for 'Word Processing' is different, it is submitted.

3. The petitioner acquired the prescribed qualification of K.G.T.E. Word Processing, admittedly only after the last date for receipt of applications. Going by Ext.P6, the Public Service Commission has agreed to accept not only K.G.T.E. Word Processing, but also the certificates issued by the State or Central Departments or Agencies or Societies or Universities, in Computer Word Processing, after undergoing a course having a minimum duration of three months. Since the certificates obtained by the petitioner, Exts.P3 and P4, are not in Computer Word Processing, I think, the stand taken by the Public Service Commission,

that the petitioner is not qualified for the post, cannot be stated to be irrational or perverse.

Accordingly, the writ petition fails and it is dismissed.

Sd/-

(K.BALAKRISHNAN NAIR)
JUDGE

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P.S. To Judge